



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/031,357
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First Named Inventor	Lars Winther
Group Art Unit	3742
Examiner Name	Quang T. Van
Attorney Docket Number	3276.1002-000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ]. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ].
  - iii.  Other -- [ ].
- b.  Please do not enter the amendment after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 26, 2004.
- c.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Petition for Extension of Time - one month with copy
  - v.  Other -- Amendment Fee Transmittal Letter with copy

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other -- [ ].

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$880

OR

- Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[ ] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Amendment Fee
  - iv.  Other -- [ ].

- b.  Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Application No. 10/031,357 Group: 3742

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For: A METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE TEMPERATURE OF A  
SPECIMEN IN OR ON A SOLID SUPPORT MEMBER

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action made Final mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith including a request not to enter the amendment after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 26, 2004.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: